BONCI IS AMONG STARS SIGNED BY WEENESDAY CLUB

Caruso's Rival Engaged as Leading Tenor for May Festival.

CAROLINA WHITE WILL SING "AIDA"

List Includes Artists Who Have Won Fame on Operatic Stage. Metropolitan Opera House Orchestra, With Fifty Pieces, to Be Conducted by Sturani-Dates Announced.

singing with the great new Italian haritone. Titta Ruffo, in Philadelphia and in New York.

Clareace Whitehill, baritone of the Chicago-Philadelphia Opera Company, will be the only one of this year's artists who was here last season. His singing of "Wotan's Farewell" at the last festival was so inspiring and impressive that musical people of Richmond have been insistent that he be invited here again.

Although an American. Mr. White Berlinese the greatest "Wotan" of this day, while last season his singing of "Elijah" at the great festival in Birmingham. England, and this winter with the New York Oratorio Society in Carnegle Hall caused him to be hailed by the severest critics of both England and America as "an 'Elijah' of a new era."

Thomas H. Barry, including the First Brigader-General Marion P. Brigade Brigader-General Robert K. Evans.

The Second Division, Major-General William H. Carter, including the Fourth Brigade, Brigadier-General Frederick A. Smith, and the Sixth Brigade, Brigadier-General Rabert Halls as asson his year's artist who was been insistent that he be invited here again.

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Into Effect on Feb-

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Tactical Organization Higher

Than a Regiment, and Work

of Preparing for War or

Any Emergency Will Be

Greatly Simplified.

FOLK NEED BIBLE HOPE OF CHEAPER REORGANIZATION IN CITY SCHOOLS POSTAGE HELD OUT

New Plan Will Be Put Dr. Maclachan Com- Letter Rate May Be Remends Board for Directing Reading.

FOUR DIVISIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR NOT NOW OPENED IN MANY HOMES

Minister Answers Those Who Heretofore There Has Been No Oppose Order, but Not Unkindly, Defending Use of Scriptures in Public Instruction of the Young of Richmond.

Washington, February 2 .- Provision for the tactical organization of countless homes in Richmond in which ter-General Hitchcock's annual report, the United States Army into three infantry divisions and one cavalry divis- Maclachlan, D. D., pastor of the Sev- gests reduction of some partel post ion, is made in an order issued by di- enth Street Christian Church, warmly Arrangements for what promises to rection of President Taft and made commended the City School Board in beyond eleven pounds; recommends Arrangements for what promises to the greatest of a series of great and the greatest of a series of great are festivals held here by the Wed-stay Club have been concluded. 2 which becomes effective February 15, after in the public schools. The sub-stay Club have been concluded. 2 Includes the consultation of the consultation

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INCREASE CHARGES IN SECOND CLACS

Policy Outlined by Postmaster-General Hitchcock in His Annual Report - Recommends Lower Rates on Parcel Post-Postal Facilities Greatly Enlarged.

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HE PREDICTS PENNY POSTAGE



FIRE DESTROYS AIKEN'S FAMOUS TOURIST HOTEL

Guests Flee for Their Lives, Leaving Personal Effects.

MANY NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH

Loss on Building and Contents Is Estimated at \$250,000-Fire on Savannah River Front Licks Up Wharves and Terminals, Causing Loss of \$1,500,000.

Alken, S. C., February 2 .- "Park-in the-Pines," Aiken's picturesque tourist hotel, was destroyed by fire in a short